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Question:

How do you imagine a post COVID-19 world?

Answer:

Pandemics like the COVID-19, although, are once in a blue moon occurrences, yet the changes set in motion by such events result in massive fluctuations in the way of life. The impact of the disease is cutting across socio-politico-economic spheres along with the environmental and humanistic sections.

Positive Changes

1. Petty geo-political issues might take a backseat giving way to Health security, equal to if not more, than territorial security
2. Empowerment of global healthcare organisations such as the WHO might happen, thus, giving the organisation more teeth
 - ✓ Future readiness of unforeseen calamities (natural and artificial) might increase
3. The acts of humanism as displaced by the Doctor diplomacy of Cuba in Italy and other social groups to help the badly-hit areas might increase the confidence of human race in itself

Not So Positive Changes

1. The economic activities, sooner than later, will tend to normalise, but local rather than global supply lines might be preferred
 - ✓ Digital Divide might further aggravate and reliance on online platforms for shop, work, study and play will increase
 - ✓ Migrant labour distress might turn a lot of marginally above poverty line into poverty trap
2. Racism against Chinese people might increase fuelled by the speeches of conservative leaders like Donald Trump
3. On a psychological level, people might start preferring the country-life rather than the congested urban-life, where the pandemic was the most disastrous

Such events turn the normal life of people upside down forcing them to question every reality around them. As we travel in these times of climate change and technological advancements, COVID-19 pandemic should serve as a wake up call for unforeseen challenges for which our traditional institutions might not be sufficient.